

Commonwealth Yacht Club Membership Newsletter

May 15, 2007



From the Commodore and Board: Saturday was my lucky day. I was at CYC at the Kentucky Derby Party and I actually picked the winning horse. I walked over to the Condo Office and got in line with my fellow winners to collect my winnings. As I was waiting in line I struck up a conversation with a couple I hadn't met before. It turned out they were friends of a member who were visiting. I asked them, "So what do you think of CYC and Green Turtle Bay and Grand Rivers?" "It's unbelievable," they responded. "This place is just beautiful and we haven't had this much fun in years. Do you get to do this every weekend?" they asked. "Almost every weekend." I said. "Do you have any idea of how lucky you are?" they asked. I do; I just need to be reminded occasionally.



Events Update from the Rear Commodore: Our 2nd annual Commonwealth Cup is scheduled for September 21 & 22, 2007. Last year we had 19 boats and hope for more this year. A winning boat isn't necessarily the fastest boat but rather the boat whose crew sails her the best, making the fewest mistakes. Communication is key to the efficiency of the sailboat crew. Sailing terms can be a bit foreign to the motor boater but are easily learned and essential for smooth maneuvers by the crew. Most every boater knows which is the port and starboard sides of their boat, but when sailing a boat is always on a port or starboard tack and which is determined by the wind. When sailing if the wind is coming over the port side of your boat first you are on a port tack. Tack is a term that has other meanings besides the heading of your boat. The tack of a sail is the bottom front corner. Tacking is the act of changing tacks by turning through or towards the wind and should not be confused with jibing which is changing tacks by turning away from the wind. This year we are having a distance race, but last year we had a buoy race with windward and leeward marks. Windward refers to the direction of the wind is blowing and leeward refers to the direction towards which the wind is blowing. The terms heading up and bearing away help when steering the boat and again are relative to wind direction. When you make a turn toward the wind you're heading up and away from the wind you're bearing away. I encourage all of you to come out and watch the race and attend the parties. Sailing is easy, sailing well is a bit harder and racing, well that's just fun.



Events Update from the Fleet Captain: Cruise Nuisance – Fifty-four cruisers and club members showed up for the Smith Bay Barbecue on Saturday, April 28, 2007. The weather was fine and all had a great time. See the photos on the back to see if any of your friends were there. May is a busy month with the cruise to Clarksville on May 19th and 20th, then the lighted boat parade and CYC party on May 28th. We have several boats signed up for both guaranteeing these to be premier events in this year's calendar. Call Butch Jones at 573-979-0441 or e-mail to y@vjones.us to register for one of both of these exciting events. Come on Let's cruise!



From the CYC Restaurant:

Most of us have enjoyed the great cuisine, the entertainment, and the ambiance of the CYC Restaurant in the evenings. But have you checked out the CYC Sunday Brunches? No matter what your preference for Sunday morning or early afternoon dining, CYC has it! Gather your family, bring your relatives, even invite the neighbors, and give your taste buds a treat every Sunday morning at the Commonwealth Yacht Club.



We hope to see you soon at the Club, in the Marina, or just on the water.....



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